and persons made responsible suggested the place at Narakkal. There was no question of discrimination.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Was not the necessity of a school at Cranganore expressed on the floor of this House ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I want notice.

Road from the Velappaya Road to the Mundathicode road.

191. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Panchayat Registrar did receive several petitions signed by T. Krishnan Nair and several others beginning from 1106 requesting for a road from the Velappaya Road to the Mundathicode road;

(b) how many such petitions were received and what replies were given ;

(c) whether several persons had not lodged Kaichits expressing their willingness to give even their lands free for the said road;

(d) whether the said road question will be taken up and solved in the next year ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— (a) Yes.

(b) Five. The petitioners were told that the work will be taken up when funds permit.

(c) No. One person had put in a statement to the effect that he would surrender the required land.

(d) Yes. If found urgent and if funds permit.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Sir, from 1106 onwards several persons were petitioning the Government about a particular road. Five petitions were received and the final answer was, "Yes; if found urgent and if funds permit." That is very desperate. May I know when it will be found urgent if it is going to be found urgent at all ? On my going through the back file I find that it is very important; otherwise it would not have been included in the budgets of 1108, 1109, and 1110. After all this trouble it is said now that there is no importance for this work.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Anyway I will make enquiries in the matter and if I find it is important and if funds permit I will do it.

Public Libraries in the State.

192. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to give:—

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(1) a list of villages in the State which have Public Libraries;

(2) the number and names of libraries, public or private, to which the Government is giving grant with the amount given to each per year?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—(1) Statement is appended *(Appendix I)*.

(2) Statement is appended *(Appendix II)*. No information is available regarding private libraries.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Were there applicants for grants from other villages?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know the number of applicants for grants, for recognition to be treated as Libraries and then application for grants?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—More than a dozen.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Has not the Methala Panchayat sent in a formal resolution requesting for a village library there?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Notice.

Mr. A. V. Mootheden:— Has not the Chalakudi Samajam asked for a grant?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I received a good number of petitions for grants. But these were deferred consideration until orders have been passed on the Survey Report and after the Statement by the Chair, I am quite confident that the matter will be taken up now and each request considered on its own merits.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Has the Hon'ble Member anything to do with the Methala Panchayat?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—What are the factors taken into consideration in fixing the amount of grant to several libraries? I find some liberal grants have been made; some get Rs. 600; some Rs. 200; some Rs. 100 and some Rs. 50. Are there any rules which govern the amounts of these grants?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—There are no definite rules. Government must be guided in these matters by the consideration of the population which is going to be benefitted, etc.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon:—Whether they are governed by those matters?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Mootheden:—Were there not certain rules published last year in Kumbhom?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—That is only with regard to certain considerations under which private institutions will be recognised. It

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involves fresh expenditure. It is an integral part of education and the view taken by Government was that it was not proper to treat this item as isolated to be included before the general scheme of adult education was decided. The decision on this point will be deferred.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Will the Government say from what item of expenditure this amount is paid?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It is paid out of subscriptions under General Administration.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Does the Hon'ble Member realise that our State is lagging behind in the matter of village libraries?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Some States like Baroda are ahead of us.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Why do you go to Baroda? Travancore Government has alloted 21,000 rupees for this.

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I said States like Baroda; it was not an exhaustive list

Public tanks in Narakkal and Nayarambalam Villages.

193. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there are no public tanks in the Narakkal and Nayarambalam villages; if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to consider the urgent necessity of providing public tanks for bathing purposes in these villages?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— There are no public tanks in these villages. But whether urgent necessity exists is doubtful as in these littoral tracts almost all compounds have tanks of their own.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that on the western parts of Narakal and Nayarambalam the lands are accresions and that the water is saltish?

Dr E. S. R. Menon:—May be saltish.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Whether the tanks referred to are not lying to the east of these western tract accresion lands?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Whether Phylaria and other accompanying diseases are very common in these regions and whether the Government has considered the question of the necessity of water supply to Azhikkal, Nayarambalam, Kuzhuppilli and those other places?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—It is under the consideration of the Government.

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APPENDIX I.

Names of villages where libraries are conducted

1	Trichur	6	Mulanthuruthi
2	Irinjalakkuda	7	Thekkumbhagam
3	Chelakkara	8	Ernakulam
4	Ailur	9	Cherai
5	Chittur	10	Lokamaleswaram (Cranganur)

APPENDIX II.

	Names of villages where libraries are conducted	Classification	Grant Rs.
1	Trichur	Public Library and Reading Room	484
2	Irinjalakkuda	do	100
3	Chelakkara	do	50
4	Aiylur	do	50
5	Chittur	Municipal Library	125
6	Mulanthuruthi	Public Library and Reading Room	50
7	Thekkumbhagam	Princes' Library	100
8	Ernakulam	Public Library and Reading Room	600
9	Cherai	do	60
10	Lokamaleswaram (Cranganur)	do	100

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